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**DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE RENEWAL OF GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT
PERMIT NO. UGW370005**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IS SOLICITING COMMENTS ON ITS PROPOSAL TO RENEW A GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT DESCRIBED BELOW UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UTAH WATER QUALITY ACT, SECTION 19-5-104(1)(I) UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 1953, AS AMENDED AND UTAH ADMINISTRATIVE CODE R317-6.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: **SUMMO USA CORPOATION**

FACILITY LOCATION: **LISBON VALLEY, SAN JUAN COUNTY**

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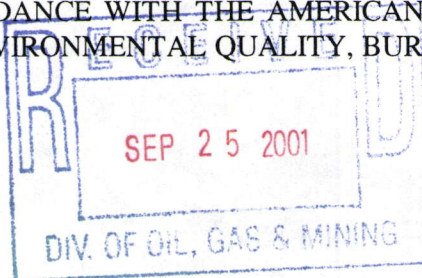
PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED ANY TIME PRIOR TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2001. COMMENTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY, P.O. BOX 144870, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114-4870. ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 12, 2001, WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE FORMULATION OF FINAL DETERMINATIONS TO BE IMPOSED ON THE PERMIT. A PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE HELD IF WRITTEN REQUESTS ARE RECEIVED WITHIN THE FIRST 15 DAYS OF THIS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD THAT DEMONSTRATE SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES EXIST TO WARRANT HOLDING A HEARING.

FURTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST BY CALLING KEITH EAGAN AT (801) 538-6146 OR BY WRITING THE AFOREMENTIONED ADDRESS. RELATED DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AT THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY, 288 N. 1460 W., SALT LAKE CITY.

FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES AT (801)536-4414



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